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POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of postal network in the country during the last two years ;

(b) whether the targets fixed for Gujarat have been achieved ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) For expansion of Postal Network during the last two years, 99 new Departmental Sub Post offices, 984 new Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 710 new Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras have been opened in the country.

(b) During 1998-99, the target of opening of 2 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 31 Branch Post Offices in Gujarat was fully achieved. During 1999 - 2000, against the original target of opening of 3 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 30 Branch Post Offices, 2 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 28 Branch Post Offices were opened.

(c) The shortfall in achievements of Branch Post Offices for the year 1999-2000 was due to non sanctioning of required posts by Ministry of Finance. In case of Departmental Sub Post Offices, the target was revised from 3 to 2 as a result of All India reassessment in the month of March, 2000. Hence there was no shortfall of opening of Departmental Sub Post Offices.